

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****Claims 1-5 (canceled)**

6. (presently amended) A method of establishing access control within a data processing system, comprising:

obtaining content label categories at the data processing system that present a unique label identifying the type of content for each respective category of a plurality of categories and associated user restrictions for desired access control;

obtaining associated user restrictions at the data processing system defining at least one user's access privileges to each respective category of the plurality of categories as a function of the content label categories;

distributing the obtained content label categories and obtained associated user restrictions to each of a plurality of communications programs within a the data processing system, wherein at least two of the communications programs employ different communications protocols; and

a' setting access controls for each at least two of the communications programs within the data processing system that employ different communications protocols utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions.

7. (presently amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

during installation of a communications program subsequent to setting access controls for each communications program within the data processing system utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions, checking for existing access control settings for other communications programs and setting access controls for the communications program being installed utilizing the existing access control settings.

**Claims 8-12 (canceled)**

13. (presently amended) A system for establishing access control within a data processing system, comprising:

means for obtaining content label categories at the data processing system that present a unique label identifying the type of content for each respective category of a plurality of categories and associated user restrictions for desired access control;

means for obtaining associated user restrictions at the data processing system defining at least one user's access privileges to each respective category of the plurality of categories as a function of the content label categories;

means for distributing the obtained content label categories and obtained associated user restrictions to each of a plurality of communications programs within a the data processing system, wherein at least two of the communications programs employ different communications protocols; and

a1 means for setting access controls for each at least two of the communications programs within the data processing system that employ different communications protocols utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions.

14. (presently amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising:

means operable during installation of a communications program subsequent to setting access controls for each communications program within the data processing system utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions for checking for existing access control settings for other communications programs and for setting access controls for the communications program being installed utilizing the existing access control settings.

**Claims 15-19 (canceled)**

20. (presently amended) A computer program product within a computer usable medium for establishing access control within a data processing system, comprising:

instructions for obtaining content label categories at the data processing system that present a unique label identifying the type of content for each respective category of a plurality of categories and associated user restrictions for desired access control;

instructions for obtaining associated user restrictions at the data processing system defining at least one user's access privileges to each respective category of the plurality of categories as a function of the content label categories;

instructions for distributing the obtained content label categories and obtained associated user restrictions to each of a plurality of communications programs within a the data processing system, wherein at least two of the communications programs employ different communications protocols; and

a' instructions for setting access controls for each at least two of the communications programs within the data processing system that employ different communications protocols utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions.

21. (presently amended) The computer program product of claim 20, further comprising:

instructions executed during installation of a communications program subsequent to setting access controls for each communications program within the data processing system utilizing as a function of the content label categories and associated user restrictions for checking for existing access control settings for other communications programs and for setting access controls for the communications program being installed utilizing the existing access control settings.

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